



November 13, 2013

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 12, Steve Merriam from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC) and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted an ex parte meeting with Nicholas Degani from Commissioner Pai's office.

This ex parte meeting consisted of a discussion of the lack of reasonable comparability between satellite and fiber connectivity for communities in the North Slope Borough. We also discussed that the Arctic Slope service area is larger than the state of Minnesota, creating extreme construction and maintenance challenges in the harsh Arctic environment and provided an update on ASTAC's effort to realize the benefits of the Arctic Fiber Network (AFN) project.

The discussion also touched on the potential impacts on the AFN in 2015 of the QRA for federal universal service support.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 11/13/13

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President and CEO

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